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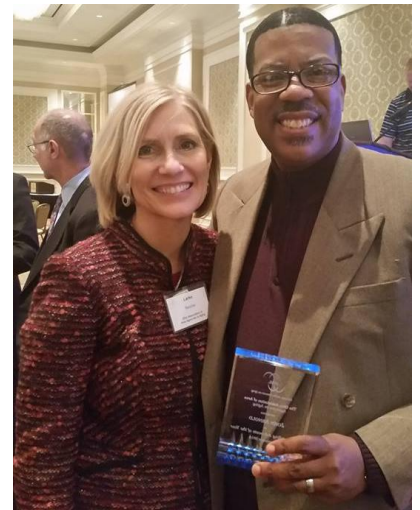
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## THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING UNVEILS ITS 2014 AWARDS

The Lucas County Prosecutor's Senior Protection Unit, Village Connections, John Arnold, and Diana Kubovcik Are Celebrated for Serving Older Ohioans and Individuals with Disabilities

COLUMBUS, OH (November 30, 2014)—The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (o4a) announced the recipients of their 2014 awards at their 25th Annual Conference on Aging. A diverse array of winners partnered with o4a and Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging to improve the lives of older Ohioans, Ohioans with disabilities, and their families.

- [The Lucas County Prosecutor's Senior Protection Unit](#) and the [Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio](#) received o4a's 2014 Outstanding AAA/Provider Partnership of the Year Award. The two organizations have worked together to combat elder abuse since the Protection Unit was created 11 years ago.
- In 2014, [Village Connections](#) launched after receiving grant support from the [Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging](#). The organizations were honored with a 2014 Outstanding AAA/Provider Partnership of the Year Award. Village Connections is a part of the Age-Friendly Community movement in the United States that makes aging in place easier for those who choose to stay in their own neighborhoods.
- John Arnold of the [Ohio Consumer Voice for Integrated Care](#) and [UHCAN](#) Ohio received o4a's Advocate of the Year Award. "John, with the excellent support of UHCAN Ohio and Community Catalyst, has worked tirelessly to set up regional consumer advisory groups as well as a statewide advisory group to assure that consumer voices are heard and [MyCare Ohio](#) can be successful," said Larke Recchie, CEO of o4a.
- Diana Kubovcik of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging won this year's Outstanding Area Agency on Aging Staff Person of the Year Award. "She applies the best of social work practices and has mentored many other clinical staff to address sometimes extremely complex situations," said Recchie. "She embodies the essence of person-center care and we are proud she has been in our network for over 20 years."



o4a CEO Larke Recchie and John Arnold

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### About the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (o4a), a nonprofit organization, is a statewide network of agencies that provide services for the elderly, as well as advocate on behalf of older Ohioans. The Association addresses issues which have an impact on the aging network, provides services to members, and serves as a collective voice for Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). For more, visit [ohioaging.org](http://ohioaging.org).

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